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Honorable Joel T. Broyhill
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Broyhill:

This will acknowledge your letter of 16 October 1956, expressing your desire that Agency employees be granted sufficient time to go to the polls to vote in the state and local elections on 6 November 1956.

The policy of the Central Intelligence Agency concerning absence for registration and voting has been expressed in regulations given general distribution and prescribes that employees may be excused for a reasonable time to vote. This applies on all election days, insofar as practicable without interfering seriously with production, and the absence is without charge to leave. This policy is also applicable to employees who vote in jurisdictions requiring registration in person, and directs that they may be granted reasonable time off, without charge to leave, for registering.

The Agency does not prescribe any definitive schedule governing the time when and for what duration employees may be dismissed for voting. Instead, authorized absences, for voting or registration, are granted for the time actually required to accomplish these functions, but the absences may not exceed one workday for each election or registration period. In cases requiring more than one day, annual leave or leave without pay is granted whenever practicable.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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SUBJECT: Letter to Honorable Joel T. Broyhill, House of Representatives re: Absence for registration and voting.

CONCUR:

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Director of Personnel

Date 20 OCT 1955

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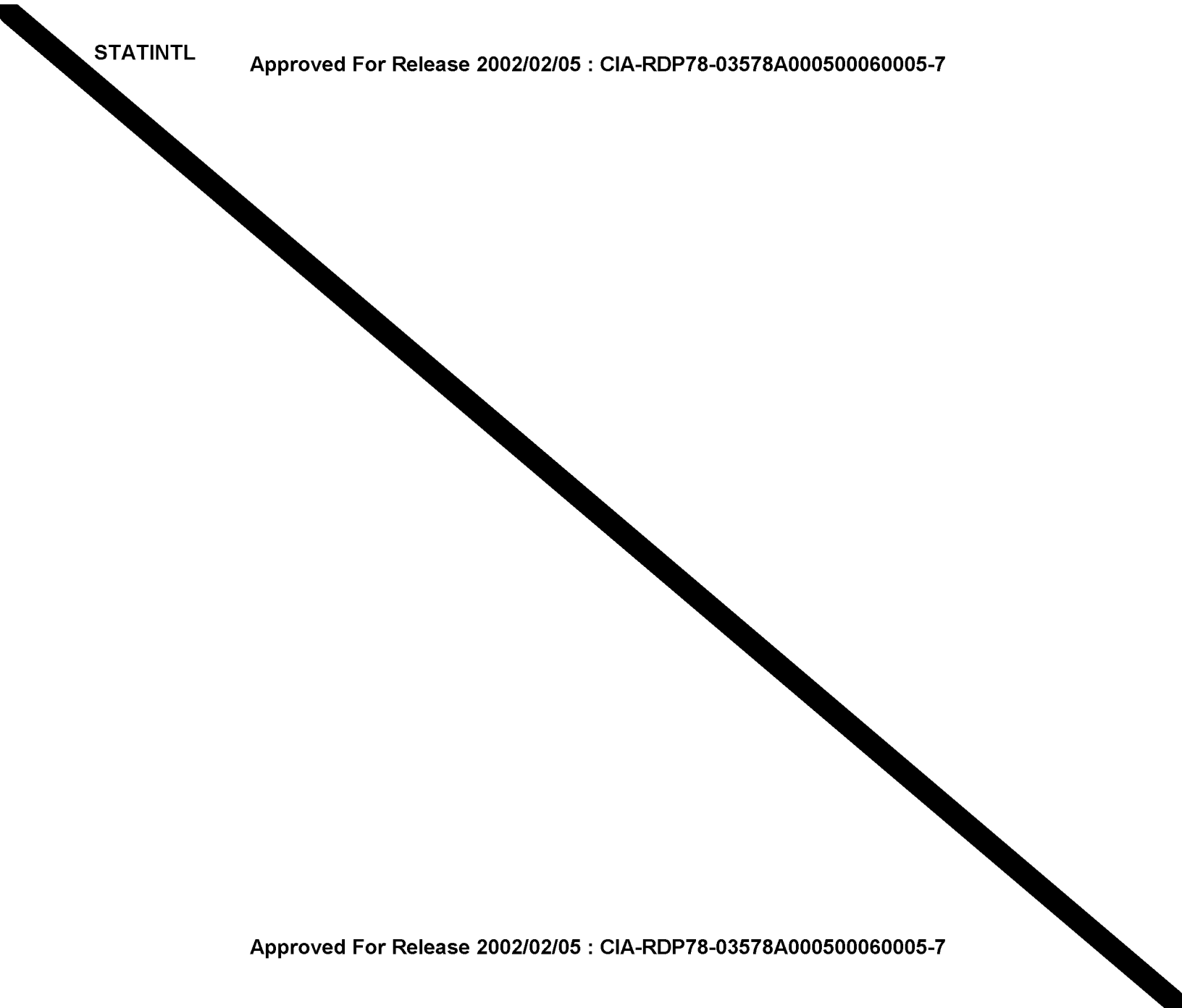

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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

October 10, 1955

Honorable Allen W. Dulles
Director of Central Intelligence
2430 E. Street
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr:

Each year on election day this office is deluged with complaints from Federal employees who feel that insufficient consideration was given to their desire to exercise their right to vote. These complaints have been based on lack of knowledge regarding the agency policy as well as on an insufficient time allowance.

I am sure you will agree that everything possible should be done to arrange for your employees to have sufficient time to go to the polls. It is an Americanism that should be encouraged in every way possible and the Federal Government and its agencies should take the leadership. I am calling it to your attention at this time, well in advance of the state and local election on November 8, 1955, in order that you might set an appropriate schedule for your employees and have ample time to give it full circulation throughout your organization.

As you know, it lies within the power of your agency to set the amount of leave for each employee within the limits of the Presidential Directive of July 24, 1946. I would be grateful if your decision could be made in the near future and your employees notified promptly in order that they may make their plans to vote. Further, I would appreciate it if you would let me know the schedule set for employees in the District of Columbia area at your earliest convenience.

Thanking you for your cooperation, and with kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely,

/s/
Joel T. Broyhill, M.C.

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